

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-22 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 15, 18, 21 and 22 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 8, 15, and 18.

Drawings

The Examiner has failed to accept the drawings filed on May 31, 2001. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the filed formal drawings are acceptable.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1 - 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over applicant-admitted prior art ("AAPA") and in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,547,829 ("Meyerzon"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner asserts that AAPA teaches a method of addressing and generating an entry into a directory server. However, the AAPA merely teaches that a Directory Server is used in the Unified User Management Services layer of the Internet Service Deployment Platform. The AAPA does not teach a method of

addressing an entry in a directory server nor does the AAPA teach generating a unique identifier for the entry. Further, the Examiner asserts that the AAPA teaches creating an encoded address into a distinguished name for the entry. Although the AAPA teaches a distinguished name (DN), the AAPA does not teach encoding the unique identifier into a distinguished name to create an encoded address. The AAPA does not teach how a distinguished name is created nor does it teach or suggest encrypting the unique identifier that was previously generated.

The Examiner asserts that the disclosure of the claimed invention (pp. 12 – 13 paragraph [0053] and Step 112 of Figure 10 of the instant specification) teaches generating a Unique Identifier (UniqueID). The Applicant respectfully asserts that the Examiner mistakenly attempts to use the claimed invention as prior art to invalidate itself. Specifically, the passage of the instant specification that is referenced by the Examiner shows an embodiment of the UniqueID as the invention itself, and thus should not be properly cited as prior art. Further, the passage describes the UniqueID in one embodiment of the invention as an improvement to what had already been known. As stated in the MPEP, “his [inventor’s] foundational work product should not, without a statutory basis, be treated as prior art solely because he admits knowledge of his own work. It is common sense that an inventor, regardless of admission, has knowledge of his own work.” (*see* MPEP chapter 2129, section I.).

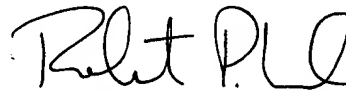
In view of the above, the AAPA and Meyerzon, whether considered separately or together, fail to show or suggest the present invention as recited in

the claims. Thus, claims 1, 8, 15, 18, 21, and 22 are patentable over the AAPA and Meyerzon. Dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220.014001).

Respectfully submitted,

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